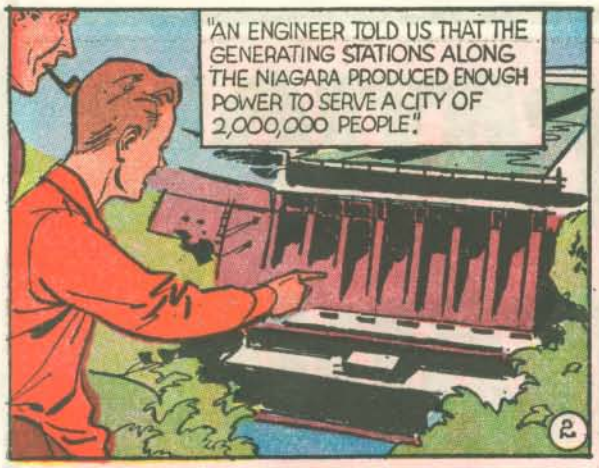
OUR VACATION IN ONTARIO

JOHNNY, 12, HIS TEEN-AGE SISTER MARY, AND HIS MOTHER AND DAD FROM THE UNITED STATES VISITED ONTARIO FOR THE FIRST TIME ONE SUMMER. HERE IN JOHNNY'S WORDS, AND HIS SISTER'S, ARE SOME OF THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF ONTARIO AND CANADA. HOWEVER, WE MUST TELL YOU THAT THIS WAS NO ORDINARY HOLIDAY TRIP. AS YOU SOON WILL SEE, THE THOUSANDS OF MILES THEY TRAVELLED BY AUTOMOBILE, RAILROAD, BOAT AND AIRPLANE, COULD BE BROKEN UP INTO SHORTER TRIPS. WE ARE TRYING TO SHOW YOU, IN THE BRIEF SPACE WE HAVE ALLOWED, THE VARIETY RATHER THAN THE DETAILS OF THE MANY VACATIONS YOU AND YOUR PARENTS MAY ENJOY IN CANADA'S VARIETY VACATION LAND — ONTARIO.

"THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY FOR US TO START THE TRIP... WE HAD TO SEE NIAGARA FALLS! JOHNNY PERSUADED US TO DON RAIN-CAPES AND JOIN OTHER ADVENTURERS ABOARD THE MAID OF THE MIST, A TINY STEAMER WHICH BOBBED IN THE SWIRLING WATERS ALMOST TO THE FOOT OF THE FALLS. FOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED YEARS THESE LITTLE STEAMERS HAVE BEEN TAKING PEOPLE TO SEE THE SWEEP OF THE 2,600 FOOT WIDE AND 162 FOOT HIGH HORSE-SHOE FALLS AND THE 167 FOOT HIGH AMERICAN FALLS, 1,000 FEET WIDE."


"AN ENGINEER TOLD US THAT THE GENERATING STATIONS ALONG THE NIAGARA PRODUCED ENOUGH POWER TO SERVE A CITY OF 2,000,000 PEOPLE."
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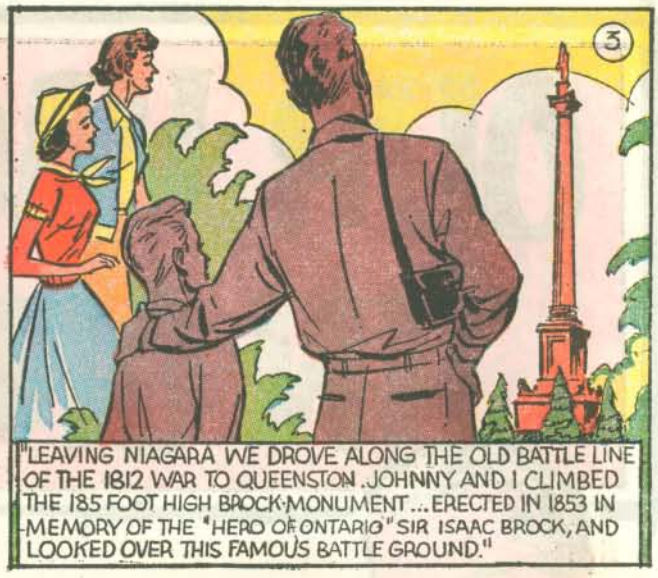
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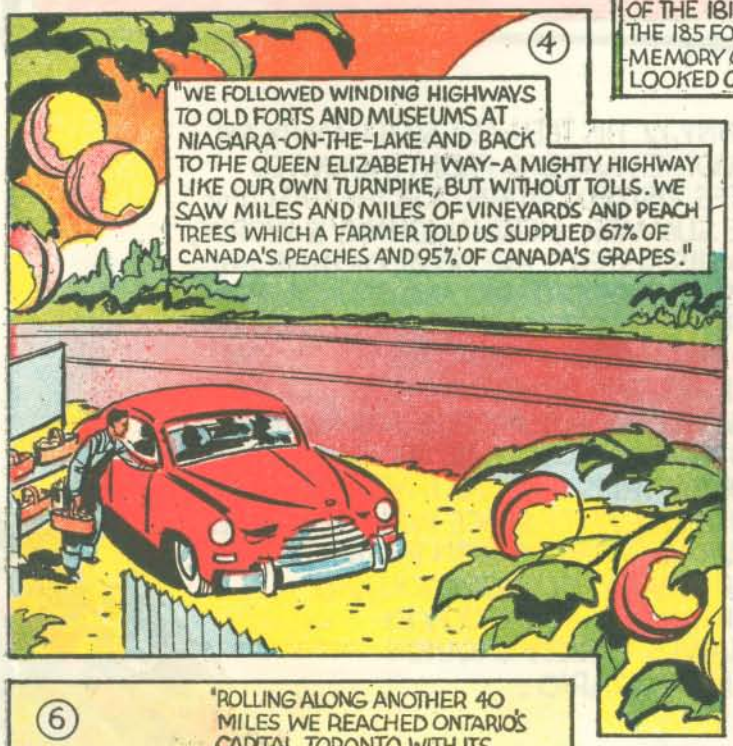
"LEAVING NIAGARA WE DROVE ALONG THE OLD BATTLE LINE OF THE 1812 WAR TO QUEENSTON. JOHNNY AND I CLIMBED THE 185 FOOT HIGH BROCK-MONUMENT... ERECTED IN 1853 IN MEMORY OF THE "HERO OF ONTARIO" SIR ISAAC BROCK, AND LOOKED OVER THIS FAMOUS BATTLE GROUND."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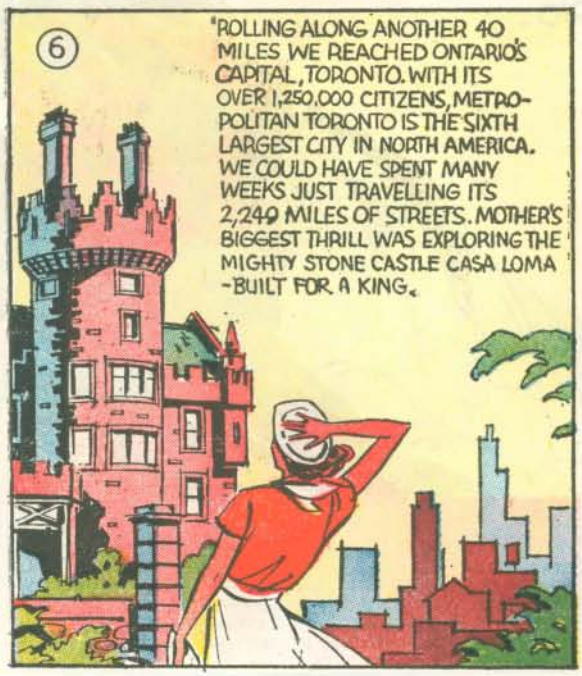
"WE FOLLOWED WINDING HIGHWAYS TO OLD FORTS AND MUSEUMS AT NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE AND BACK TO THE QUEEN ELIZABETH WAY-A MIGHTY HIGHWAY LIKE OUR OWN TURNPIKE, BUT WITHOUT TOLLS. WE SAW MILES AND MILES OF VINEYARDS AND PEACH TREES WHICH A FARMER TOLD US SUPPLIED 67% OF CANADA'S PEACHES AND 95% OF CANADA'S GRAPES."

5
"ANOTHER HOUR'S DRIVE BROUGHT US TO THE BURLINGTON PENINSULA WHERE WE GOT A GRANDSTAND VIEW ACROSS THE BAY, OF ONTARIO'S SECOND LARGEST CITY, HAMILTON. HERE WAS CANADA'S LARGEST STEEL MILL WHICH TURNS OUT NEARLY 2,000,000 INGOT TONS YEARLY."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"ROLLING ALONG ANOTHER 40 MILES WE REACHED ONTARIO'S CAPITAL, TORONTO. WITH ITS OVER 1,250,000 CITIZENS, METROPOLITAN TORONTO IS THE SIXTH LARGEST CITY IN NORTH AMERICA. WE COULD HAVE SPENT MANY WEEKS JUST TRAVELLING ITS 2,249 MILES OF STREETS. MOTHER'S BIGGEST THRILL WAS EXPLORING THE MIGHTY STONE CASTLE CASA LOMA -BUILT FOR A KING.

7
"WE WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE IN TIME TO SEE THE CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION, THE WORLD'S LARGEST ANNUAL EXHIBITION. I FOUND OUT THAT ITS PERMANENT BUILDINGS WERE WORTH $50,000,000 AND IT HAD 14 MILES OF PAVED ROADS. HERE I AM LOOKING UP AT THE HUGE PRINCE'S GATES, MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE C.N.E. IN TORONTO

8
"WE MOVED ALONG EAST AND NORTH THROUGH ALMOST FAMILIAR COUNTRYSIDE TO BEAUTIFUL LAKE COUNTRY ABOUT PETERBOROUGH. HERE WHERE YOU CATCH TROUT FROM THE MAIN STREET DOCK, WE TOOK PICTURES OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST HYDRAULIC LIFT LOCK WHICH LIFTS LARGE VESSELS AN AVERAGE OF 65 FEET TO OTHER WATERWAYS."

9

"ONE OF THE HIGH POINTS OF JOHNNY'S TRIP WAS HIS VISIT TO OLD FORT HENRY AT ONTARIO'S OLD CAPITAL KINGSTON. JOHNNY THOUGHT HE WAS GOING BACK MORE THAN 100 YEARS WHEN HE SAW THE SOLDIERS IN THEIR ORIGINAL UNIFORMS GO THROUGH THEIR GUN AND MARCHING DRILLS."
10

"ALONG LAKE ONTARIO'S NORTH SHORE THE ROAR OF JET AIRCRAFT ANNOUNCED OUR ARRIVAL AT THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE TRAINING STATION AT TRENTON. WE SAW THE MEMORIAL GATES WHICH COMMEMORATED THE FACT THAT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PILOTS, INCLUDING ALL OF CANADA'S ALLIES, HAD BEEN TRAINED HERE DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR."
11
"WE PUSHED ON TO GANANOQUE, GATEWAY TO ST. LAWRENCE RIVER'S THOUSAND ISLANDS AND TOOK ONE OF THE FAMOUS THOUSAND ISLAND BOAT CRUISES. HERE WE ARE LOOKING UP AT THE FAMOUS IVY LEA BRIDGE WHICH LINKS CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

"WE DROVE ON TO CORNWALL, ONTARIO'S MOST EASTERLY CITY AND DAD GOT HIS FIRST LOOK AT THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AND POWER PROJECT. POWER HOUSES AND MAIN DAM TO BE BUILT JUST WEST OF THE CITY WILL DEVELOP 2,200,000 HORSEPOWER, THE ENGINEERS TOLD US."
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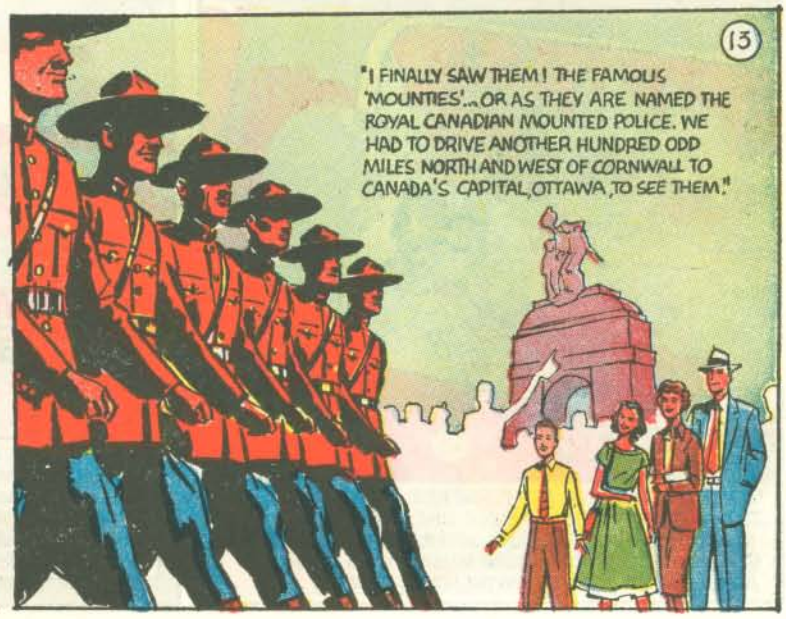
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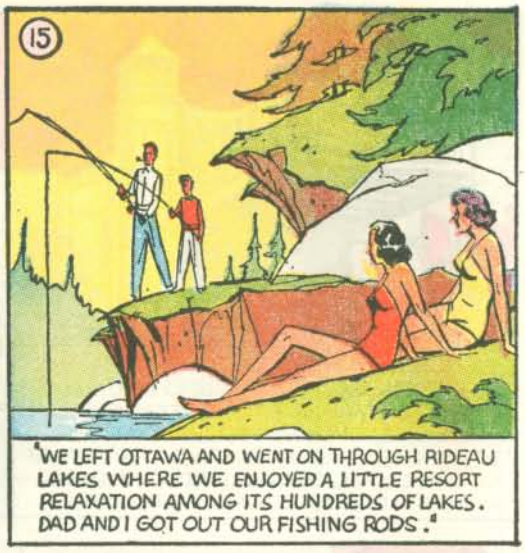
"I FINALLY SAW THEM! THE FAMOUS 'MOUNTIES'... OR AS THEY ARE NAMED THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE. WE HAD TO DRIVE ANOTHER HUNDRED ODD MILES NORTH AND WEST OF CORNWALL TO CANADA'S CAPITAL, OTTAWA, TO SEE THEM."

14
"WE VISITED ALL THE HISTORICAL BUILDINGS WHICH MARK THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OTTAWA AS CANADA'S CAPITAL IN 1857. HERE WE LEARNED CANADA IS A SELF-GOVERNING MEMBER OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS"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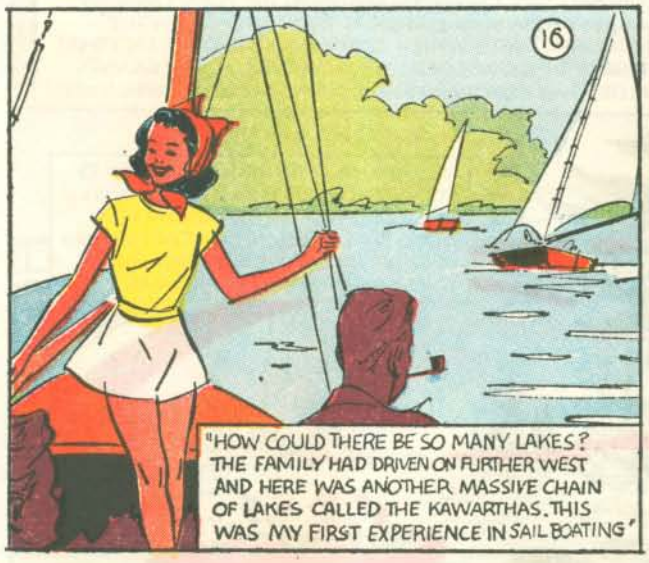
"WE LEFT OTTAWA AND WENT ON THROUGH RIDEAU LAKES WHERE WE ENJOYED A LITTLE RESORT RELAXATION AMONG ITS HUNDREDS OF LAKES. DAD AND I GOT OUT OUR FISHING RODS."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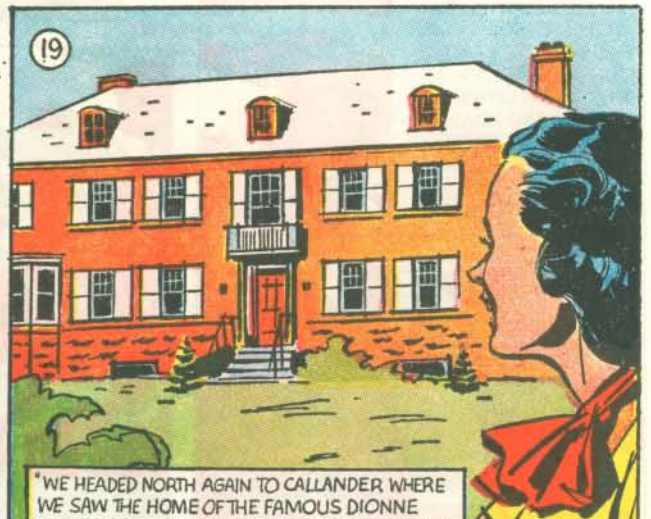
"HOW COULD THERE BE SO MANY LAKES? THE FAMILY HAD DRIVEN ON FURTHER WEST AND HERE WAS ANOTHER MASSIVE CHAIN OF LAKES CALLED THE KAWARTHAS. THIS WAS MY FIRST EXPERIENCE IN SAIL BOATING"

17
"WE DROVE THROUGH MORE BEAUTIFUL LAKE COUNTRY UP INTO ONE OF ONTARIO'S PROUDEST POSSESSIONS, HER 1,200 SQUARE MILES OF GAME PRESERVE CALLED ALGONQUIN PARK. THE ANIMALS, PARTICULARLY DEER, WERE SO FRIENDLY THEY WOULD WALK RIGHT UP TO US AND EAT FOOD FROM OUR HANDS."

18
"JOHNNY HAD HIS FIRST SEA-PLANE RIDE AT THE PARK AND TO HIM THE PARK LOOKED MORE LIKE A GREAT GREEN FOREST DROPPED INTO A SEA. AFTER HE LANDED THE FAMILY VISITED THE BEAUTIFUL NATURE MUSEUM AND LEARNED ABOUT CONSERVATION FROM THE FOREST RANGER."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"WE HEADED NORTH AGAIN TO CALLANDER WHERE WE SAW THE HOME OF THE FAMOUS DIONNE QUINTUPLETS WHO WERE BORN THERE IN 1934. A FEW MILES FURTHER WE ENTERED NORTH BAY, THE GATEWAY TO ONTARIO'S GREAT NORTH COUNTRY."

20
"FROM HERE WE LEFT THE CAR AND BOARDED THE ONTARIO NORTHLAND RAILWAY-THE PROVINCE'S OWN RAILWAY... AND HEADED NORTH THROUGH SOME OF ONTARIO'S 237,000 SQUARE MILES OF FOREST. IT STARTED TO THIN TO GREAT ROCKS AS WE APPROACHED ONTARIO'S FAMOUS GOLD MINE COUNTRY. DAD AND I PUT ON MINER'S HELMETS AND VISITED ONE OF THE BIGGEST OF ONTARIO'S 40 ODD GOLD MINES WHICH PRODUCED MORE THAN $75,000,000 IN GOLD ANNUALLY."

21
"WE TOOK THE TRAIN ON TO MOOSONEE ABOUT 1,000 MILES NORTH OF OUR ORIGINAL STARTING POINT. THE WEATHER WAS IN THE 70'S AND IT WAS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WE WERE ON AN ARCTIC BAY WITH TIDAL WATERS."

22
"THE TRAIN BROUGHT US BACK TO NORTH BAY WHERE WE BOARDED A STEAMSHIP TO EXPLORE ONTARIO'S LARGEST INLAND LAKE--LAKE NIPISSING."

23
"DRIVING FURTHER WEST TO SUDBURY WE VISITED MINES WHICH PRODUCED ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THE WORLD'S NICKEL. AT NEARBY COPPER CLIFF WE SAW THE TALLEST SMOKE STACK IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE. IT SOARED 500 FEET ABOVE THE BARREN ROCKS."

24
"WEST AGAIN WE VISTED OUR FIRST PAPER-MILL AT ESPANOLA. IT IS ONE OF 44 PULP AND PAPER MILLS WHICH PRODUCED MORE THAN $300,000,000 WORTH OF PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS A YEAR."

25
"WE SIDE-TRIPPED TO MANITOULIN ISLAND WHOSE 100 MILE LENGTH AND 40 MILE WIDTH MAKES IT THE LARGEST FRESH WATER ISLAND IN THE WORLD. ABOUT 2,500 OF ITS PERMANENT RESIDENTS ARE INDIANS AND WE HAD A CHANCE TO VIEW THEIR HANDICRAFT AND CUSTOMS."

26
"WHILE DAD ENJOYED SOME FINE FISHING, SIS AND I 'MET' MANITOULIN'S PRIZE CROP... TURKEYS."

MINNESOTA
LAKE SUPERIOR
WISCONSIN
MICHIGAN
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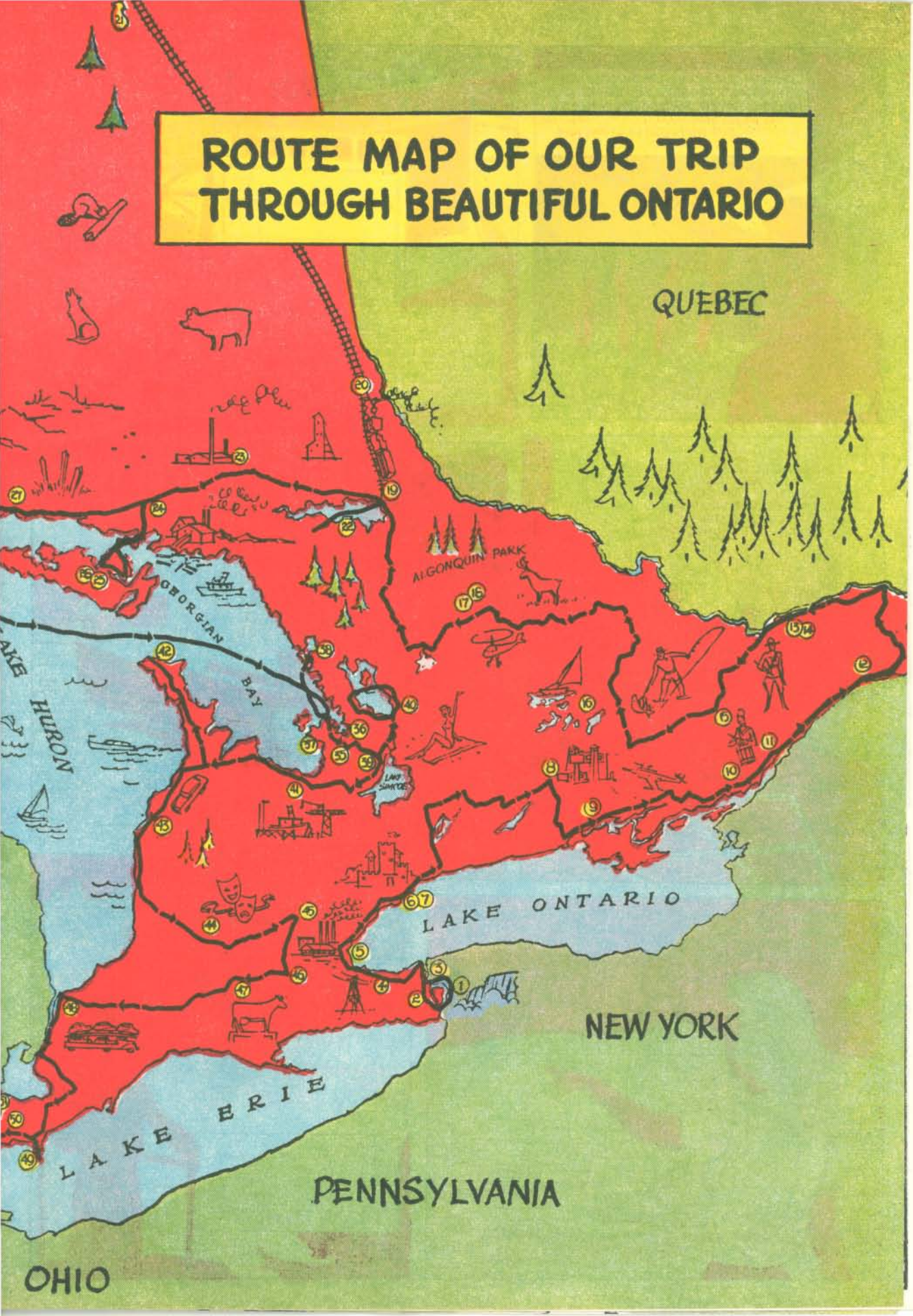
ILLINOIS
FROM JOHNNY'S NOTE BOOK
✓ Ontario's population is over 5,350,000.
✓ Over 65,000,000 U.S. people live within one day's travel to Ontario.
✓ Ontario is larger in area than France and Spain together.
✓ Ontario is nearly twice the size of the State of Texas.
✓ In Ontario there are 29 cities; 147 towns, 155 villages, 573 townships, 38 counties, 11 districts, 20 improvement districts.
✓ Ontario's highways, all toll free, total about 80,000 miles of roads.
✓ There are 12 railways, and more than 10,000 miles of single track line, or 25% of the total railway mileage of Canada.
✓ There are more than 1,500,000 motor vehicles registered and 1,850,000 licensed drivers.
✓ Ontario has seven Universities - including the largest university in the British Empire - the University of Toronto.
✓ Ontario's provincial police force includes more than 1,200 all ranks; operates 350 cruiser cars, radar is used to control speeding.
✓ It's area of 412,000 square miles is equal in size to the combined areas of the following fourteen states of the United States - New York, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois Wisconsin, Massachusetts + Rhode Island

ROUTE MAP OF OUR TRIP THROUGH BEAUTIFUL ONTARIO



"CONTINUING ALONG THE TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY TO BLIND RIVER, DAD GOT SOME FIRST HAND INFORMATION ABOUT URANIUM. WE VISITED ONE OF THE MORE THAN 16,000 CLAIMS STAKED IN THIS AREA BUT DIDN'T BOTHER TO TAKE ANY SAMPLES."
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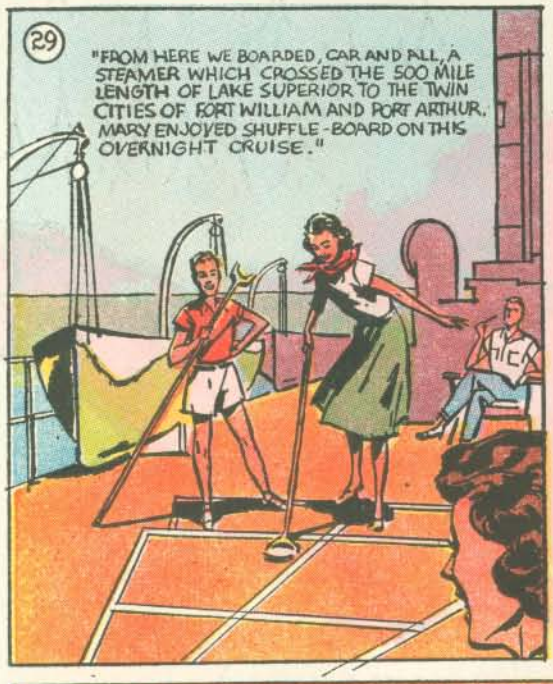
28
"FURTHER WESTWARD WE TRAVELLED INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE ALGOMA PRESERVE, TO THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE. HERE THE FAMOUS SOO LOCKS CARRY MORE THAN 100 SHIPS A DAY AND ANNUAL TONNAGE IS OVER THE 100,000,000 MARK."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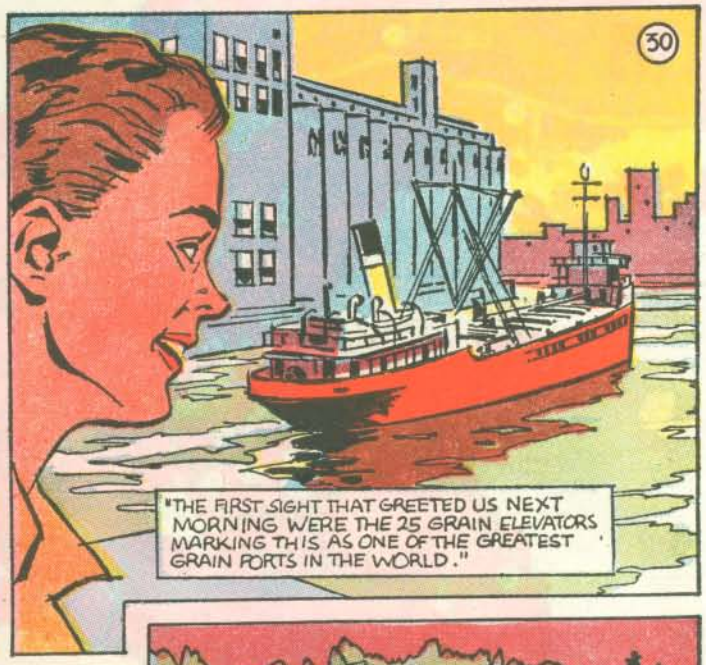
"FROM HERE WE BOARDED, CAR AND ALL, A STEAMER WHICH CROSSED THE 500 MILE LENGTH OF LAKE SUPERIOR TO THE TWIN CITIES OF FORT WILLIAM AND PORT ARTHUR. MARY ENJOYED SHUFFLE-BOARD ON THIS OVERNIGHT CRUISE."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"THE FIRST SIGHT THAT GREETED US NEXT MORNING WERE THE 25 GRAIN ELEVATORS MARKING THIS AS ONE OF THE GREATEST GRAIN PORTS IN THE WORLD."

"LOOKING ACROSS THUNDER BAY MARY WAS TOLD ABOUT THE LEGEND OF THE SLEEPING GIANT NANABIJOU WHO WAS THE 'PAUL BUNYON' OF THE CHIPPEWA INDIANS. WE COULD SEE HIS MIGHTY FORM LYING THERE."
31

"HEADING WEST AGAIN WE SAW THE MIGHTY NIAGARA OF THE NORTH, KAKABEKA FALLS AND LISTENED TO MANY MORE INDIAN LEGENDS ABOUT THIS GREAT CATARACT MORE THAN 125 FEET HIGH."
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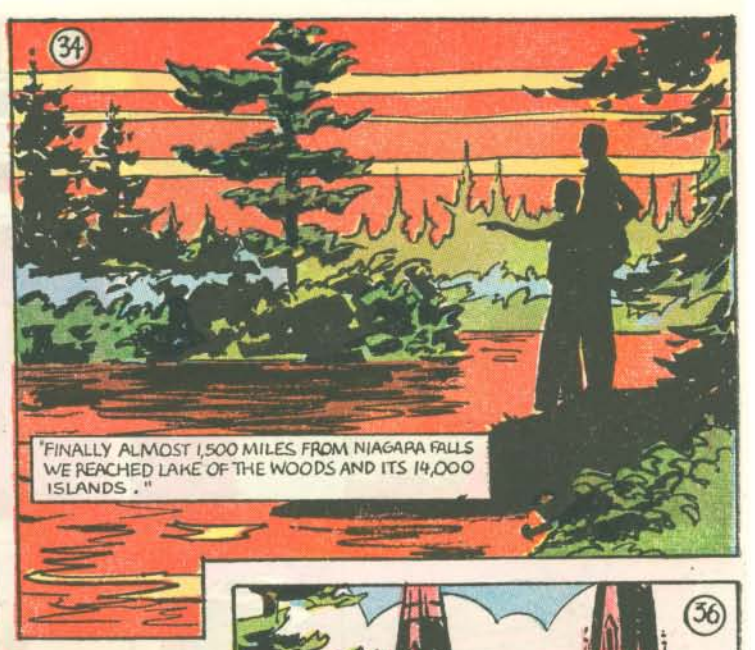
"WE SIDE-TRACKED AGAIN TO VISIT THE STEEP ROCK MINES AT ATIKOKAN. HERE ON THE EDGE OF THE PRIMITIVE QUETICO PARK PRESERVE WE WATCHED SHOVELS DUMPING SEVEN TON BITES OF IRON ORE INTO BIG TRUCKS."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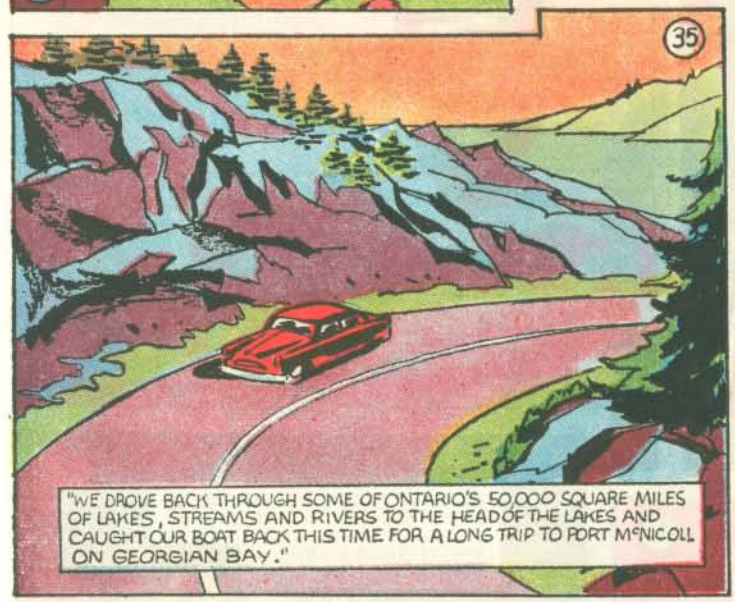
"FINALLY ALMOST 1,500 MILES FROM NIAGARA FALLS WE REACHED LAKE OF THE WOODS AND ITS 14,000 ISLANDS."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"WE DROVE BACK THROUGH SOME OF ONTARIO'S 50,000 SQUARE MILES OF LAKES, STREAMS AND RIVERS TO THE HEAD OF THE LAKES AND CAUGHT OUR BOAT BACK THIS TIME FOR A LONG TRIP TO PORT McNICOLL ON GEORGIAN BAY."

36
"WE VISITED NEARBY MIDLAND AND THE MARTYRS' SHRINE ERECTED IN MEMORY OF NORTH AMERICA'S FIRST SAINTS WHO WERE MARTYRED HERE IN THE 17th CENTURY."

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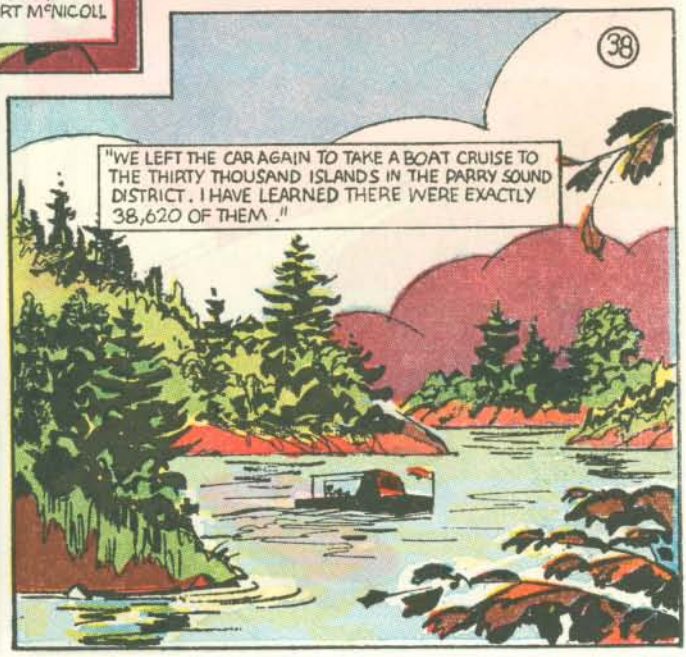
"THEN WE VISITED FORT PENETANGUISHENE AND FORT ST. MARIE WHERE WE SAW RELICS OF THREE CENTURIES OF NORTH AMERICAN HISTORY."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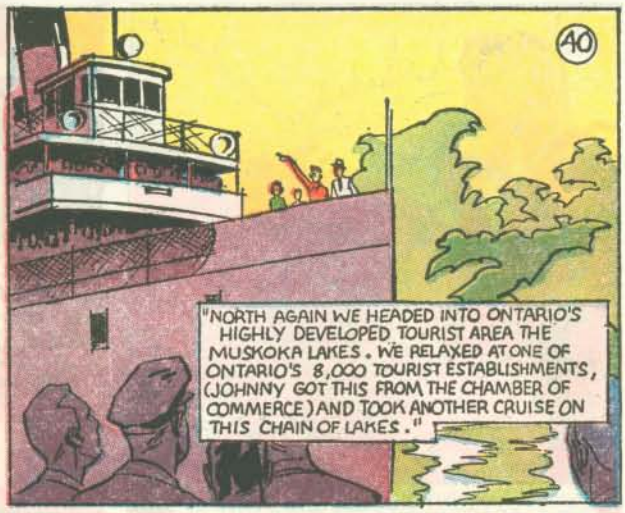
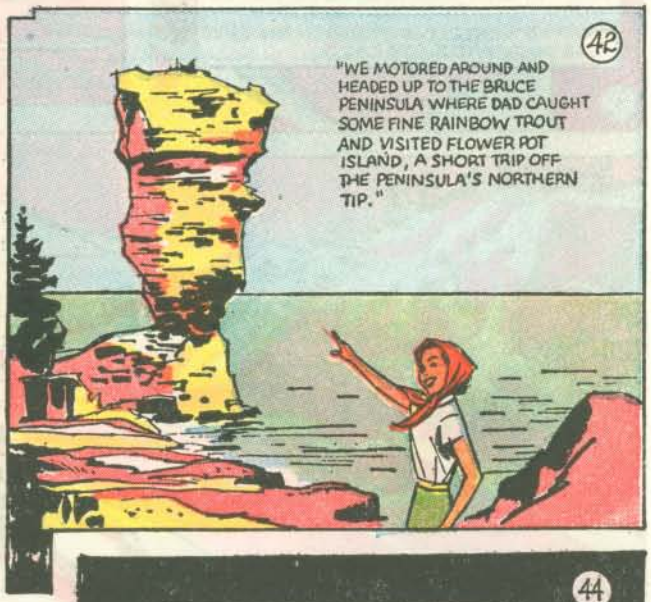
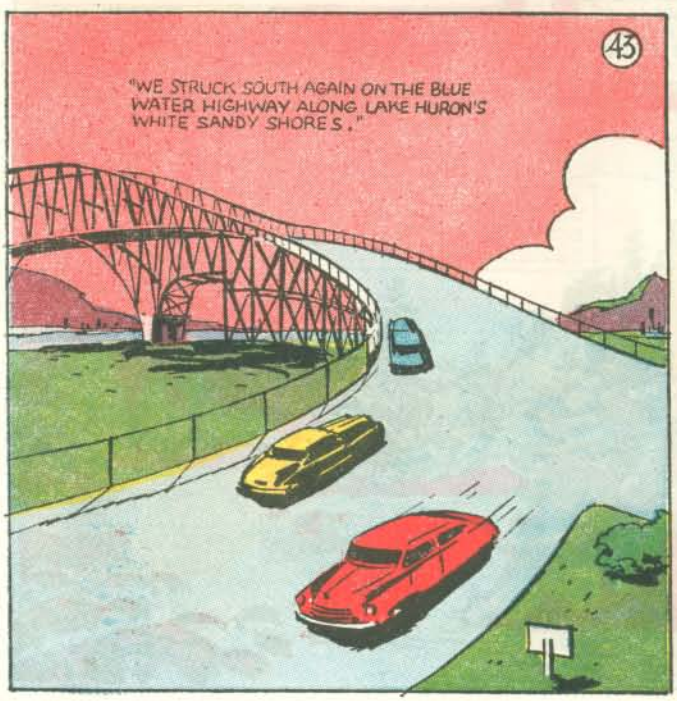
"WE LEFT THE CAR AGAIN TO TAKE A BOAT CRUISE TO THE THIRTY THOUSAND ISLANDS IN THE PARRY SOUND DISTRICT. I HAVE LEARNED THERE WERE EXACTLY 38,620 OF THEM."







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"LEAVING THE RICH FARM LANDS AND OLD SCOTTISH AND GERMAN SETTLEMENTS WE DROVE TO THE CITY OF GUELPH. HERE WE VISITED CANADA'S LARGEST AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND WERE SHOWN MANY OF THE LATEST AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS."

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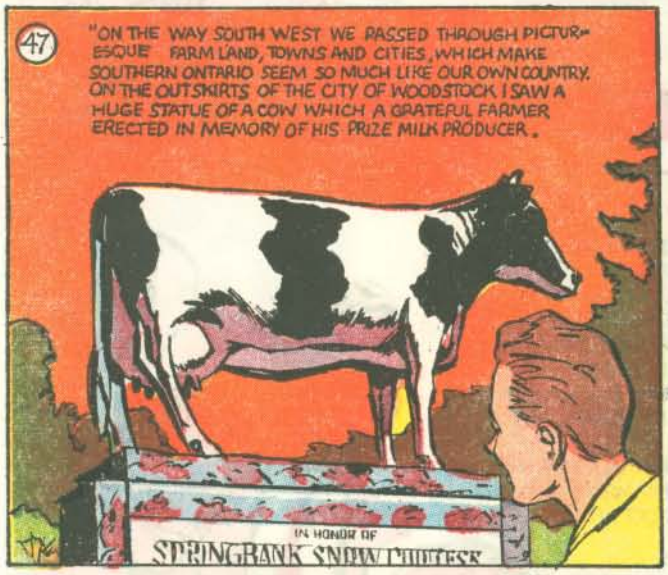
"WE HEADED SOUTH TO CITY OF BRANTFORD WHERE IN 1876 ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL INVENTED THE TELEPHONE. WE VISITED HIS HOME AND THE NEARBY INDIAN CHAPEL."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"ON THE WAY SOUTH WEST WE PASSED THROUGH PICTURESQUE FARM LAND, TOWNS AND CITIES, WHICH MAKE SOUTHERN ONTARIO SEEM SO MUCH LIKE OUR OWN COUNTRY. ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK I SAW A HUGE STATUE OF A COW WHICH A GRATEFUL FARMER ERECTED IN MEMORY OF HIS PRIZE MILK PRODUCER.
IN HONOR OF
SPRINGBANK SNOWCHUTESS

"AT THE SOUTHERN TIP OF LAKE HURON WE VISITED THE CITY OF SARNIA, MIGHTY 'CHEMICAL VALLEY' HEADQUARTERS OF SOME OF THE LARGEST OIL REFINERIES IN CANADA."
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"FROM HERE WE MOTORED TO THE OTHER EXTREME OF OUR TRIP. AT PELEE POINT ON LAKE ERIE WE WERE FARTHER SOUTH THAN THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF CALIFORNIA AND ALL OR PARTS OF 25 OTHER STATES IN THE UNITED STATES. WE WERE MORE THAN 1,000 MILES FROM MOOSONEE

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"FURTHER WEST IN ONTARIO'S 'SUN PARLOUR' WE VISITED THE FAMOUS JACK MINER BIRD SANCTUARY. HERE NATURALISTS TOLD US, WILD FOWL CAN REST SAFELY IN THEIR MIGRATORY FLIGHTS."

WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED YOUR VISIT—

THE PEOPLE OF ONTARIO ARE PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN YOUR HOSTS DURING YOUR VISIT TO THIS GRAND PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

WE FEEL SURE THAT YOU HAVE ENJOYED YOUR VACATION WITHIN OUR BORDERS AND THAT YOU HAVE FOUND MUCH OF INTEREST AND BENEFIT, AS WE KNOW THOSE WHO DO VISIT WITH US AND ENJOY OUR GRAND VACATION LANDS DO FIND A FEELING OF WELL BEING AND RELAXATION.

THERE MAY BE MANY MATTERS ABOUT ONTARIO UPON WHICH YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION. MY DEPARTMENT IS READY TO ANSWER THESE INQUIRIES.

I PERSONALLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN SELECTING ONTARIO FOR YOUR VACATION OR VISIT AND WE AWAIT AND EXTEND A FURTHER WELCOME TO YOU ON YOUR NEXT VISIT.

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